

Mary Dunlap to Andrew Jackson, December 13, 1831, from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson. Edited by John Spencer Bassett.

MRS. MARY DUNLAP TO JACKSON.

Lancasterville, S. C. , December 13, 1831.

Mrs. Dunlap acknowledges the recpt. (thro her friend and relative Col. Williams) of the very kind communication, and a treasured memento, from one of her earliest and most esteemed friends Genl. Andrew Jackson. With feelings of gratitude to the Author of all good, she informs, the Genl. she now possesses and has for many years enjoyed good health, and that tho many of the dear objects of her tenderest regard have been removed, she is still consoled in the affection and attentions of three surviving Children.

The Genl. has feelingly alluded to the joyous days of youth, of the endearments of early friendship, as affording subjects of pleasurable reflection to him after the lapse of years, and the many vicissitudes of his truly eventfull life. The writer assures him, she fully participates in the pleasure of recalling scenes long past, but never to be forgotten. Absorbed as you must necessarily be, in the discharge of the duties resulting from the elevated and responsible station you occupy, the writer cannot but receive your notice and present, as a token of friendship; in return for which, permit her to present her sincere thanks, to one, who in youth she esteemed for his noble generosity, and in age, she reveres for his heroism displayed in defence of "Beauty and Booty"